

SITUATION REPORT NO. 30
INCIDENT NO. 95-04 (FEMA-1050-DR-ND)
DATE: September 19, 1995 **TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on September 19, 1995, is 1435.22 feet msl.

A field survey completed by the ND Forest Service (NDFS) revealed approximately 667,087 trees may die as a result of the flooding on Devils Lake during the 1995 growing season. Over 2,400 acres of natural forests along the shores of the lake are inundated by up to six feet of flood waters.

Surface water storage has been filled to capacity in Nelson County and western Walsh County due up to 4.5 inches of rain in late August.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The NDFS completed a field survey of the flood impacted forest at Devils Lake in August, 1995.

Governor Schafer submitted a Secretarial Disaster Designation request to the Secretary of Agriculture for all North Dakota counties because of weather related crop damage.

The Devils Lake Sioux Tribe and Fort Totten Indian Health Service are implementing measures to insure the health and safety of the residents of the Fort Totten reservation specifically dealing with septic tank failure, water well contamination, and access to emergency medical services.

The ND Department of Transportation is raising ND Highway 19 east of the junction of U.S. Highway

281 and at Six Mile Bay. They are also continuing to repair highways damaged by wave action.

The ND State Water Commission is progressing with the Devils Lake-Stump Lake Emergency Plan. The plan includes pumping water from Devils Lake into Stump Lake and includes upper Devils Lake Basin water storage. Current activities include project planning and obtaining permits and easements.

Ramsey County officials are locating sites for burning debris from Devils Lake.

Public Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND: There have been 1,784 Disaster Survey Reports (DSR's) reviewed and submitted to the Regional Processing Center in Denver.

As of September 19, 1995, a total of 196 applicants have issued a Notice of Interest to the Division of Emergency Management. One hundred forty-six are local governments, five are state agencies, 33 are special districts, and 12 are private non-profit organizations.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND: As of September 18, 1995, Job Service ND officials reported they have received 4,543 claims for Disaster Unemployment Assistance. Two thousand seven hundred eighty-eight claims have been processed for payment with 2,498 claims pending. Two hundred ninety claims have been denied. Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits paid so far are \$1,900,966.00.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center Meeting will be held in Devils Lake September 28, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.. Participants will be discussing potential response requirements for 1996. The meeting site is the Ramsey County Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the courthouse.

Signed _____
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State Director